



Sri Vaiṣṇava-śaranya
Surrender to the Vaiṣṇavas
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*vṛndāvana-bāsi jata vaiṣṇavera gaṇa
prathame vandanā kori sabāra caraṇa*

First of all, I offer my worship to the lotus feet of the residents of Vrindavan, all of whom are *vaiṣṇavas*.

*nīlācala-bāsi jata mahāprabhura gaṇa
bhūmite paḍiyā vandoñ sabāra caraṇa*

Next, I fall down on the ground and worship the lotus feet of all of Mahaprabhu's associates who live in Nilacala, Jagannath Puri Dham.

*navadvīpa-bāsi jata mahāprabhura bhakta
sabāra caraṇa vandoñ hañā anurakta*

I then worship the devotees of Mahaprabhu in Nabadwip and pray for loving attachment to their lotus feet.

*mahāprabhura bhakta jata gauḍa-deśe sthiti
sabāra caraṇa vandoñ koriyā praṇati*

I then worship the lotus feet of all of Mahaprabhu's devotees residing in Gaudadesh, Bengal.

*ye deśe ye deśe baise gaurāṅgera gaṇa
ūrdhva-bāhu kori' vandoñ sabāra caraṇa*

With upraised arms I worship the lotus feet of Gauranga Mahaprabhu's dear devotees, wherever they may reside.

*hañāchena haibena prabhura jata dāsa
sabāra caraṇa vandoñ dante kori ghāsa*

With straw in my teeth I worship the lotus feet of all the servants of Mahaprabhu that ever were in the past or that ever will be in the future.

*brahmānda tārite śakti dhare jane jane
e veda-purāne guṇa gāya jebā śuṇe*

In the Vedas and *Purāṇas* it is said that each of the dear devotees of Sri Mahaprabhu has the potency to deliver the entire universe.

*mahāprabhura gaṇa-saba patita-pāvana
tāi lobhe mui pāpī la-inu śaranya*

The devotees of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu are deliverers of the most degraded persons. Being greedy for that deliverance, this sinner surrenders unto them.

*vandanā korite mui kata śakti dhari
tamo buddhi doṣe mui dambha māṭra kori*

What power or ability do I have to glorify the devotees of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu? Being engrossed in ignorance, it is only out of pride that I attempt to do so.

*tathāpi mūkera bhāgya manera ullāsa
doṣa kṣami' mo adhame koro nija dāsa*

Even though I have no speaking power to glorify them, still I am feeling great pleasure in my mind. Please overlook my faults, O *vaiṣṇavas*, and make me your servant.

*sarva vāñchā siddhi haya yama-bandha chūṭe
jagate durlabha hañā prema-dhana luṭe*

The great wealth of *prema* is very rare in this world, but by somehow obtaining it all desires are fulfilled and one achieves freedom from the clutches of Yamaraj.

*manera vāsanā pūrṇa acirāte haya
devakīnandana dāsa ei lobhe koya*

Being greedy that the desire of his heart be fulfilled very soon, Devakinandan Das writes this song.



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